

define a small company for the purposes of the Companies Act; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRIRANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c). Sachar Committee had recommended that private companies be further classified into small private companies having a paid-up capital of not exceeding Rs. 5 lakhs and such companies be eligible for further exemptions and privileges. Similar suggestions have been received from other quarters. The Government is not in favour of such a classification. However, the Government is considering certain additional exemptions/privileges for all private companies.

[Translation]

**Road between Hanumangarh and
Suratgarh**

3690. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the road between Hanumangarh and Suratgarh was under the control of General Reserve Engineering Force;

(b) whether the road has been handed over to the Public Works Department of Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is heavy military traffic between Hanumangarh and Suratgarh;

(e) if so, whether there is any proposal to hand over this road back to General Reserve Engineering Force; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir, as it is not of operational significance to Army.

(d) The density of civil traffic on this road is much more than that of military traffic.

(e) and (f). Do not arise.

**Issue of Licences for Poppy
Cultivation in Barabanki,
Uttar Pradesh**

3691. SHRI RAM SAGAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

(a) the number of licences for poppy cultivation issued in Barabanki (U.P.) during each of the last three years; and

(b) the total number of such licenses issued there during the current year so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Number of licences for poppy cultivation issued in Barabanki (U.P.), Divisions I and II, during each of the last 3 years are as follows:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of Licences</i>
1988-89	10512
1989-90	8571
1990-91	9541